

INAUGURAL GENERAL MEETING
Saturday 10th September 2016

AGENDA

1. Committee Reports: Chair & Secretary Report
 Treasurer's Report

2. Constitution & Values

3. Election of DNA Officers & Committee

4. Timeline of Progress towards Deptford's Neighbourhood Plan

5. Q & A session

DNA Chair & Secretary's Report

DNA grew out of an interest that some of the Friends of Old Tidemill School garden had about helping and supporting the wider community of Deptford to enable the local community to have more of a say in planning and development. We came across The Locality Act 2011 which we realised would be a vehicle we could use to engage with London Borough of Lewisham (LBL):

<http://locality.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Community-Rights-and-the-Localism-Act.pdf>

Locality allocated us with Angela Koch as our Advisor on becoming a Neighbourhood Forum in March 2015. Following on from this, we held a series of community meetings (at Deptford Lounge, the Albany, CAC 2000 and the Waldron Centre) to ask people for their views on Our Consitution; the area they would like the Neighbourhood Forum to cover; which people and community groups DNA should reach out to; and what issues people would like to see the Neighbourhood Plan address. In the Autumn of 2015, L.B.L having received our application to create a Neighbourhood Forum, began their consultation with all the electorate within Deptford to establish whether there was support for DNA.

In January 2016, DNA received it's first funding through Locality (the Government department which supports the setting up of Neighbourhood Forums) in order to enable DNA to have a wider consultation with the local community. DNA became a designated Neighbourhood Forum by LBL in February 2016.

We used the Locality monies to fund three events which reached 110 local residents in three different areas of the community: The Armada Community Centre on 13th February; Vietnamese Family Day at CAC 2000 on 6th March & The Evelyn Community Centre on 19th March.

From January – May 2016 we were very lucky to have had the support of UCL (Unviersity College London) Urban Planning MA students conducting research projects into Green Spaces; Local Economy; & Community Assets – all of which are available on the DNA website – go to: <http://deptfordaction.org.uk/?p=196>

Following a Committee meeting held in June this year we are in the process of setting up 6 working groups – which will be the key objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan:

- HOUSING
- GREEN & OPEN SPACES
- LOCAL ECONOMY
- HERITAGE & COMMUNITY ASSETS
- SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT, POLLUTION
- HEALTH & WELL-BEING

We would welcome more local representation on each of these groups: if you are interested in helping out in any way please sign up your name and contact information on the DNA Working Group sign up sheets.

Andrea Hughes & Andrea Carey Fuller 10.09.2016

Treasurer's Report

ITEMS	DATE	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Locality Grant (1)	5 th Feb. 2016	£7, 250.00	£7, 250.00
Consultancy Fees (Angela Koch)	5 th Feb - 6 th April 2016	- £1,800.00	£5,450.00
Publicity & Materials	“ “	- £1,486.13	£3,963.87
Entertainment	“ “	- £ 800.00	£3,163.87
Artists	“ “	- £ 700.00	£2,463.87
Room Hire & Food	“ “	- £ 950.00	£1,513.87
Amount returned to Locality	28 th April 2016	-£ 1,438.00	Grant 1 Remaining Balance: £ 75.87
*Locality Grant (2)	19 th August 2016	£8,690.00	New Balance: £8,765.87
DNA Postcards	30 th August 2016	-£ 115.00	£8,650.87
Balance carried forward at IGM 10th September 2016			£8,650.87

**I confirm that these Accounts are accurate Heather Gilmore, Treasurer
10th September 2016.**

*Information regarding Grant 2:

Consultancy Costs to review existing planning policies and to write up our Draft Neighbourhood Plan (once the working groups have come up with their “shopping list” of items they want to put into the plan) will cost nearly half of the £8,690 DNA has been awarded.

We have set ourselves a budget of £2,500 to cover room hire/material/publicity costs for events (including today's event), including website, printed materials, subscriptions, stall hire at other Community events etc.

£750 has been set aside for entertainment costs, & £500 for Artwork/artist costs.

We have allocated £900 to provide six individual budgets of £150 for each of the 6 working groups – to cover travel costs, events training, research costs etc.